

REMARKS

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 – 25, and added Claims 26 – 27. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 – 25 have been amended to correct certain informalities. Claims 26 – 27 have been added to define features deleted from Claims 1 and 11, respectively. The support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification. The amendment is editorial in nature. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the amended claims. All claims are now present for examination and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following comments.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6 – 25 have been objected as containing informalities.

Applicant respectfully submits that the presently amended claims have overcome the objections. More specifically, Claim 1 has been amended according to Examiner's suggestion. In Claim 2, "and/or" has been replaced with "or". In Claim 4, "either" has been inserted after "formed" and "respectively" has been deleted. Claim 6 has been amended according to Examiner's suggestion. Claim 10 has been amended to clarify certain expressions. The support for Claim 10 can be found on the last paragraph starting on page 16 and Figs. 5a and 5b. According to Claim 10, the flexible basic body can be brought into a certain shape by tensioning through the string or fiber, and a restriction of the length of the string or fiber by means of the adjustment device 3. Claims 14 – 16 have been amended to delete redundant phrases. Claim 20 has been amended to clarify certain expressions. According to Claim 20, "opaque slabs" are used in photography in order to scatter light. It is advantageous to manufacture the taking region at least partly from opaque material. A combination of an opaque region, like an opaque slab, and another region of a possibly well reflecting material is an advantage. In addition, the term "the frame" has been amended to "a frame" in Claims 20 and 22. Furthermore, the

indefinite phrases (“in particular”, “preferably”, “or the like”, “such as”, “respectively”, “in such a way”, “however”, “is designed”) have been deleted or rephrased in the amended claims.

Therefore, the objections to the claims have been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

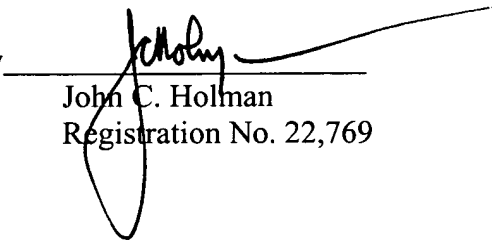
Regarding the references obtained from the Internet that are not relied upon, it is respectfully submitted that these references were disclosed after the priority date of the present invention. The variable background for photographic pictures from the website of www.clouddome.com consists of a flexible mat which is held by means of a rope or string in the bent position. Applicant believes that it is not relevant to the present invention as claimed. The variable background for photographic pictures of Novoflex roofs over the taking region. The “Studio Stuff” of the publication of Shutterburg corresponds to the photographic background as shown in “magic studio” of Novoflex. Applicant believes that these references are not relevant to the present invention as claimed.

Having overcome all outstanding grounds of objections, the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt action toward that end is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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